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PERMIT

BUILDING PERMIT BP 14451

The staff of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission, after reviewing the application and supporting documents submitted by Richard Elwell for Building Permit BP 14451, finds the following facts:

1. Applicant: Richard Elwell
PO Box 273
Sherman, ME 04776
2. Date of Completed Application: November 5, 2013
3. Location of Proposal: Silver Ridge, Aroostook County
Plan 01, Lot 34.2 on Tax Map AR106
4. Zoning: (M-GN) General Management Subdistrict
5. Lot Size: 39 Acres (owned)
6. Principal Building: Proposed After-the-Fact 38 ft. by 8 ft. Camper Trailer
7. Accessory Structures: Proposed After-the Fact 8 ft. by 12 ft. Shed
8. Sewage Disposal: Proposed Primitive Sewage Disposal System
9. The applicant proposes an After-the-Fact construction of a 38 ft by 8 ft permanent camper trailer, an 8 ft. by 12 ft. shed, and to install a primitive sewage disposal system.
10. The proposal complies with Sub-Chapter III of the Commission's Land Use Districts and Standards.
11. The facts are otherwise as represented in Building Permit application BP 13543 and supporting documents.

Based upon the above Findings, the staff concludes that if carried out in compliance with the Conditions below, the proposal will meet the Criteria for Approval, section 685-B(4) of the Commission's Statutes, 12 M.R.S.A.

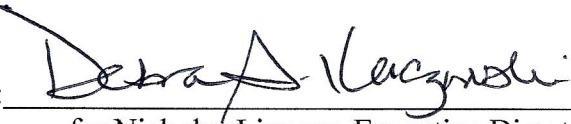
Therefore, the staff approves the application of Richard Elwell with the following conditions:

1. Construction activities authorized in this permit must be substantially started within 2 years of the effective date of this permit and substantially completed within 5 years of the effective date of this permit. If such construction activities are not started and completed within this time limitation, this permit shall lapse and no activities shall then occur unless and until a new permit has been granted by the Commission.
2. The standards for Vegetative Clearing, Section 10.27,B of the Commission's Land Use Districts and Standards, a copy of which is attached.
3. The standards for Filling and Grading, Section 10.27,F of the Commission's Land Use Districts and Standards, a copy of which is attached.
4. All structures must be set back a minimum of 50 feet from Silver Ridge Road, and 15 feet from other property boundary lines.
5. Clearing and construction activities, except those necessary to establish sedimentation control devices, shall not begin until all erosion and sedimentation control devices (including ditches, culverts, sediment traps, settling basins, hay bales, silt fences, etc.) have been installed and stabilized. Once in place, such devices shall be maintained to insure proper functioning. All temporary sedimentation and erosion control devices shall be removed after construction activity has ceased and a cover of healthy vegetation has established itself or other appropriate permanent control measures have been effectively implemented. Permanent soil stabilization shall be completed within one week of inactivity or completion of construction.
6. The scenic character and healthful condition of the area covered under this permit must be maintained. The area must be kept free of litter, trash, junk cars and other vehicles, and any other materials that may constitute a hazardous or nuisance condition.
7. All exterior lighting fixtures must conform to the Lighting Standards, Section 10.25, F, 2 of the Commission's Land Use Districts and Standards, a copy of which is attached.
8. The permittee shall secure and comply with all applicable licenses, permits, authorizations, and requirements of all federal, state, and local agencies including but not limited to: Air and Water Pollution Control Regulations; Subsurface Wastewater Disposal System approval from the Local Plumbing Inspector and/or Maine Department of Health and Human Services, Subsurface Wastewater Program; and the Maine Department of Transportation, Driveway Entrance Permit, a physical E-911 address from your County Commissioner's Office.
9. The driveway must be located and constructed so that (a) it will not erode or create any undue restriction or disruption of existing surface water drainage ways and (b) it will divert runoff to a vegetated buffer strip so as to prevent it from directly entering a water body, mapped P-WL1 wetland or roadway.
10. Once construction is complete, the permittee shall submit a self certification form, notifying the Commission that all conditions of approval have been met. The permittee shall submit all information requested by the Commission demonstrating compliance with the terms of this permit.

This permit is approved upon the proposal as set forth in the application and supporting documents, except as modified in the above stated conditions, and remains valid only if the permittee(s) complies(y) with all of these conditions. Any variation from the application or the conditions of approval is subject to prior Commission

review and approval. Any variation undertaken without Commission approval constitutes a violation of Land Use Regulation Commission law. In addition, any person aggrieved by this decision of the staff may, within 30 days, request that the Commission review the decision.

DONE AND DATED AT EAST MILLINOCKET, MAINE, THIS 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2013.

By: 
for Nicholas Livesay, Executive Director

B. VEGETATION CLEARING

Vegetation clearing activities not in conformance with the standards of this section may be allowed upon issuance of a permit from the Commission provided that such types of activities are allowed in the subdistrict involved. An applicant for such permit shall show by a preponderance of the evidence that the proposed activity, which is not in conformance with the standards of this section, shall be conducted in a manner which produces no undue adverse impact upon the resources and uses in the area.

The following requirements shall apply to vegetation clearing activities for any purpose other than road construction, road reconstruction and maintenance, wildlife or fishery management, forest management, agricultural management, public trailered ramps or hand-carry launches:

1. A vegetative buffer strip shall be retained within:
 - a. 50 feet of the right-of-way or similar boundary of any public roadway,
 - b. 75 feet of the normal high water mark of any body of standing water less than 10 acres in size, or any tidal water or flowing water draining less than 50 square miles, and
 - c. 100 feet of the normal high water mark of a body of standing water 10 acres or greater in size or flowing water draining 50 square miles or more.
2. Within this buffer strip, vegetation shall be maintained as follows:
 - a. There shall be no cleared opening greater than 250 square feet in the forest canopy as measured from the outer limits of the tree crown. However, a footpath is permitted, provided it does not exceed six (6) feet in width as measured between tree trunks, and, has at least one bend in its path to divert channelized runoff.
 - b. Selective cutting of trees within the buffer strip is permitted provided that a well-distributed stand of trees and other natural vegetation is maintained.

For the purposes of this section a "well-distributed stand of trees" adjacent to a body of standing water 10 acres or greater in size shall be defined as maintaining a rating score of 24 or more in a 25-foot by 50-foot rectangular area as determined by the following rating system.

Near other water bodies, tributary streams and public roadways a "well-distributed stand of trees" shall be defined as maintaining a rating score of 16 or more per 25-foot by 50-foot (1250 square feet) rectangular area as determined by the following rating system.

Diameter of Tree at 4-1/2 feet Above Ground Level (inches)	Points
2.0 to < 4.0	1
4.0 to < 8.0	2
8.0 to < 12.0	4
12.0 +	8

Table 10.27.B-1. Rating system for a well-distributed stand of trees.

The following shall govern in applying this rating system:

- (1) The 25-foot x 50-foot rectangular plots shall be established where the landowner or lessee proposes clearing within the required buffer;
- (2) Each successive plot shall be adjacent to but not overlap a previous plot;
- (3) Any plot not containing the required points shall have no vegetation removed except as otherwise allowed by these rules;
- (4) Any plot containing the required points may have vegetation removed down to the minimum points required or as otherwise allowed by these rules; and
- (5) Where conditions permit, no more than 50% of the points on any 25-foot by 50-foot rectangular area may consist of trees greater than 12 inches in diameter.

For the purposes of this section, "other natural vegetation" is defined as retaining existing vegetation under 3 feet in height and other ground cover and retaining at least 5 saplings less than 2 inches in diameter at 4½ feet above ground level for each 25-foot by 50-foot rectangular area. If 5 saplings do not exist, the landowner or lessee may not remove any woody stems less than 2 inches in diameter until 5 saplings have been recruited into the plot. In addition, the soil shall not be disturbed, except to provide for a footpath or other permitted use.

- c. In addition to Section 10.27,B,2,b above, no more than 40% of the total basal area of trees 4.0 inches or more in diameter, measured at 4½ feet above ground level, may be removed in any ten (10) year period.
 - d. Pruning of live tree branches is prohibited, except on the bottom 1/3 of the tree provided that tree vitality will not be adversely affected.
 - e. In order to maintain a buffer strip of vegetation, when the removal of storm-damaged, diseased, unsafe, or dead trees results in the creation of cleared openings in excess of 250 square feet, these openings shall be established with native tree species.
3. At distances greater than one hundred (100) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high water mark of a body of standing water greater than 10 acres, no more than 40% of the total basal area of trees four inches or more in diameter, measured at 4½ feet above ground level, may be removed in any ten (10) year period. In no instance shall cleared openings exceed, in the aggregate, 10,000 square feet, including land previously cleared. These provisions apply to areas within 250 feet of all bodies of standing water greater than ten (10) acres, and to the full depth of the P-AL zone. This requirement does not apply to the development of uses allowed by permit.
 4. Cleared openings legally in existence as of June 7, 1990 may be maintained, but shall not be enlarged except as permitted by these regulations.

In all subdistricts where natural vegetation is removed within the required vegetative buffer strip of a flowing water, body of standing water, tidal water, or public roadway, it shall be replaced by other vegetation (except where the area cleared is built upon) that is effective in preventing erosion and retaining natural beauty.

F. FILLING AND GRADING

The following requirements for filling and grading shall apply in all subdistricts except as otherwise provided herein.

Filling and grading activities not in conformance with the standards of this section may be allowed upon issuance of a permit from the Commission provided that such types of activities are allowed in the subdistrict involved. An applicant for such permit shall show by a preponderance of the evidence that the proposed activity, which is not in conformance with the standards of this section, shall be conducted in a manner which produces no undue adverse impact upon the resources and uses in the area.

These standards do not apply to filling or grading activities which constitute forest or agricultural management activities, the construction, reconstruction and maintenance of roads, or the construction of public trailered ramps, hand-carry launches, or driveways. Such activities are separately regulated.

1. Within 250 feet of water bodies and wetlands, the maximum size of a filled or graded area, on any single lot or parcel, shall be 5,000 square feet. This shall include all areas of mineral soil disturbed by the filling or grading activity; and
2. Beyond 250 feet from water bodies, the maximum size of filled or graded areas, as described above, shall be 20,000 square feet, except that there shall be no limit to the size of filled or graded areas in M-GN subdistricts which are greater than 250 feet from water bodies and wetlands. In such M-GN subdistrict areas, the provisions of Section 10.27.F.4 and 6 shall apply; and
3. Clearing of areas to be filled or graded is subject to the clearing standards of Section 10.27.B; and
4. Imported fill material to be placed within 250 feet of water bodies shall not contain debris, trash, rubbish or hazardous or toxic materials. All fill, regardless of where placed, shall be free of hazardous or toxic materials; and
5. Where filled or graded areas are in the vicinity of water bodies or wetlands such filled or graded areas shall not extend closer to the normal high water mark of a flowing water, a body of standing water, tidal water, or upland edge of wetlands identified as P-WL1 subdistrict than the distance indicated in the following table:

Average Slope of Land Between Exposed Mineral Soil and Normal High Water Mark or Upland Edge (Percent)	Width of Strip Between Exposed Mineral Soil and Normal High Water Mark or Upland Edge (Feet Along Surface of the Ground)
10 or less	100
20	130
30	170
40	210
50	250
60	290
70	330

Table 10.27.F-1. Unsecurified filter strip width requirements for exposed mineral soil created by filling and grading.

6. All filled or graded areas shall be promptly stabilized to prevent erosion and sedimentation.

Filled or graded areas, including all areas of disturbed soil, within 250 feet of water bodies and wetlands, shall be stabilized according to the Guidelines for Vegetative Stabilization contained in Appendix B of this chapter.

F. NOISE AND LIGHTING

1. Noise.

- a. The maximum permissible sound pressure level of any continuous, regular or frequent source of sound produced by any commercial, industrial and other non-residential development shall be as established by the time period and type of land use subdistrict listed below. Sound pressure levels shall be measured at all property boundary lines, at a height of at least 4 feet above the ground surface. The levels specified below may be exceeded by 10 dB(A) for a single period, no longer than 15 minutes per day.

Subdistrict	7:00 AM to 7:00 PM	7:00 PM to 7:00 AM
D-CI, D-MT, and D-ES	70 dB(A)	65 dB(A)
D-GN, and D-GN2	65 dB(A)	55 dB(A)
D-PD	As determined by the Commission.	
All Other Subdistricts	55 dB(A)	45 dB(A)

Table 10.25,F-1. Sound pressure level limits.

- b. The following activities are exempt from the requirements of Section 10.25,F,1,a:
- (1) Sounds emanating from construction-related activities conducted between 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.;
 - (2) Sounds emanating from safety signals, warning devices, emergency pressure relief valves, and other emergency activities; and
 - (3) Sounds emanating from traffic on roadways or other transportation facilities:
- c. Control of noise for a wind energy development as defined in Title 35-A, Section 3451, subsection 11, with a generating capacity greater than 100 kilowatts is not governed by this section and instead is governed solely by the provisions of 12 M.R.S.A. §685-B(4-B)(A).

2. Lighting standards for exterior light levels, glare reduction, and energy conservation.

- a. All residential, commercial and industrial building exterior lighting fixtures will be full cut-off, except for incandescent lights of less than 160 watts, or any other light less than 60 watts. Full cut-off fixtures are those that project no more than 2.5% of light above the horizontal plane of the luminary's lowest part. Figure 10.25,F-1 illustrates a cut-off fixture as defined by the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA).

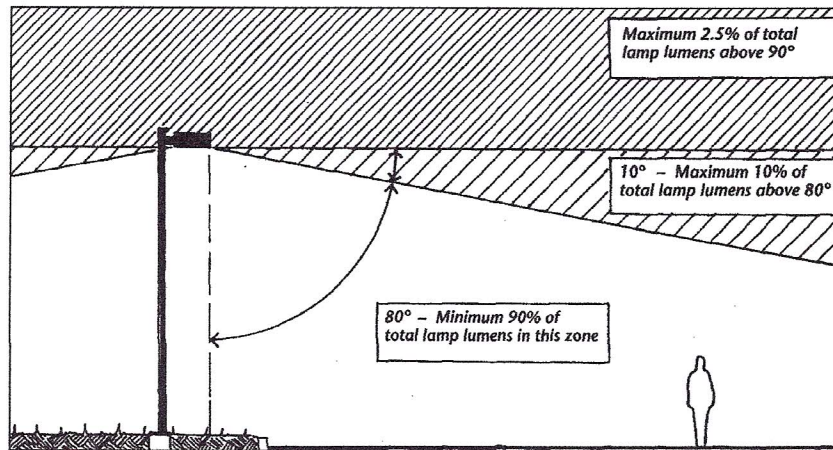


Figure 10.25,F-1. Cut-off fixture as defined by IESNA.

Light fixtures mounted on gasoline station or convenience store canopies shall be recessed so that fixtures are flush with the canopy. Alternatively, canopies may be indirectly lit using light beamed upward and then reflected down from the underside of the canopy. In this case light fixtures must be shielded so that direct illumination is focused exclusively on the underside of the canopy.

- b. All exterior lighting shall be designed, located, installed and directed in such a manner as to illuminate only the target area, to the extent practicable. No activity shall produce a strong, dazzling light or reflection of that light beyond lot lines onto neighboring properties, onto any water bodies with a significant or outstanding scenic resource rating, or onto any roadway so as to impair the vision of the driver of any vehicle upon that roadway or to create nuisance conditions.
- c. For commercial, industrial and other non-residential development, all non-essential lighting shall be turned off after business hours, leaving only the minimal necessary lighting for site security. The term "non-essential" applies, without limitation, to display, aesthetic and parking lighting.
- d. In addition to the lighting standards in Section 10.25,F,2, lighted signs shall also comply with the standards in Section 10.27,J.
- e. The following activities are exempt from the lighting standards of Section 10.25,F,2,a through d:
 - (1) Roadway and airport lighting, and lighting required by the Federal Aviation Administration for air traffic safety;
 - (2) Temporary fair, event, or civic uses;
 - (3) Emergency lighting, provided it is temporary and is discontinued upon termination of the work;
 - (4) Lighting that is activated by motion-sensors; and
 - (5) Lighting that was in place on April 1, 2004.